

# **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

## **Claim Amendment Summary**

### **Claims pending**

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-39.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1-12, 14-21, 23-32 and 34-42

**Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims:** Claims 13, 22 and 33

**Amended claims:** Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 14-20, 23-27, 29-32 and 34-39

**New claims:** Claims 40-42

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## **Claims:**

### **1. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving source information from at least one source of one or more television programs, the source information describing one or more broadcast events that can occur during a time period within which television programs are broadcast;

evaluating the source information against user information that gives an indication of broadcast events that are of interest to a user; and

sending a notification to one or more users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in said one or more broadcast events, the notification being sent via one of: an email, a facsimile or a pager; and

making one or more broadcast events available to one or more users if, ~~as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in said one or more broadcast events.~~

**2. (Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein one or more broadcast events do not pertain to information associated with the television programs.

**3. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the act of~~ making one or more broadcast events available to one or more users comprises displaying one or more broadcast events for a user.

**4. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the act of~~ making one or more broadcast events available to one or more users comprises recording one or more broadcast events for a user.

**5. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, ~~wherein said acts are performed by a television set.~~

**6. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, ~~wherein said acts are performed by a set-top box.~~

**7. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving source information from at least one source of one or more television programs, the source information describing one or more broadcast events that can occur during a time period within which the television programs are broadcast;

evaluating the source information against user information that gives an indication of broadcast events that are of interest to a user; and

sending a notification to one or more users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in said one or more broadcast events, the notification being sent via one of: an email, a facsimile or a pager; and

making one or more broadcast events available to one or more users, ~~users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in said one or more broadcast events said act of the~~ making being performed independent of whether a user is operating a television on which the television programs can be played.

**8. (Original)** The method of claim 7, wherein one or more broadcast events do not pertain to information associated with the television programs.

**9. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 7, wherein ~~the act of~~ making one or more broadcast events available to one or more users comprises recording one or more broadcast events for a user.

**10. (Currently Amended)** A television set configured to perform the  
~~The method of claim 7, wherein said acts are performed by a television set.~~

**11. (Currently Amended)** A set-top box configured to perform the  
~~The method of claim 7, wherein said acts are performed by a set-top box.~~

**12. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving user information from a user, the user information describing one or more broadcast events that can occur during a time period in which television programs are broadcast;

receiving source information from one or more sources of television programs;

evaluating the source information to determine whether any of the one or more broadcast events that have been specified by a user occur; and

if one or more broadcast events occur, sending a notification to one or more users, the notification being sent via one of: an email, a facsimile or a pager; and

~~if one or more broadcast events occur, making an occurring broadcast event available for a user to watch.~~

**13. (Canceled)**

**14. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12, wherein ~~the act of~~ making an occurring broadcast even available for user to watch comprises recording an occurring broadcast event.

**15. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making occur independent of whether a television on which programs can be played is turned on for playing programs.

**16. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making are performed by a television.

**17. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving, evaluating and making are performed by a set top box.

**18. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making are performed relative to a television program that ~~the user is not currently watching is not~~ currently being displayed.

**19. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making are performed relative to a television program that ~~the user is not currently watching is not~~

being played and during a time period when a different television program is playing on a television.

**20. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving source information from at least one source of one or more television programs, the source information describing one or more subjects that can occur during a time period within which the one or more television programs are broadcast;

evaluating the source information against user information that gives an indication of subjects that are of interest to a user; and

sending a first notification to one or more users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in a specified television program;

sending an additional notification to the one or more users, indicating the occurrence of one or more specific subjects, wherein each of the one or more specific subjects occurs during a time period within which the specified television program is broadcast; and

~~making one or more subjects available to one or more users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in said one or more subjects.~~

**21. (Original)** The method of claim 20, wherein said one or more subjects do not pertain to subjects presented in the television programs.

**22. (Canceled)**

**23. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 20, wherein ~~the act of~~ making one or more subjects available to one or more users comprises displaying information associated with one or more subjects for a user.

**24. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 20, wherein ~~the act of~~ making one or more subjects available to one or more users comprises recording information associated with one or more subjects for a user.

**25. (Currently Amended)** A television set configured to perform the  
~~The method of claim 20, wherein said acts are performed by a television set.~~

**26. (Currently Amended)** A set-top box configured to perform the  
~~The method of claim 20, wherein said acts are performed by a set-top box.~~



**27. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving source information from at least one source of one or more television programs, the source information describing one or more subjects that can occur during a time period within which the one or more television programs are broadcast;

evaluating the source information against user information that gives an indication of subjects that are of interest to a user; ~~and~~

sending a first notification to one or more users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in a specified television program;

sending an additional notification to the one or more users, indicating the occurrence of one or more specific subjects, wherein each of the one or more specific subjects occurs during a time period within which the specified television program is broadcast; and

making one or more subjects available to one or more users, ~~users if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the one or more users would be interested in said one or more subjects, said act of making being performed independent of whether a user is watching a television program as it is being broadcast.~~

**28. (Original)** The method of claim 27, wherein said one or more subjects do not pertain to information presented by the television program.

**29. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 27, wherein ~~the act of~~ making one or more subjects available to one or more users comprises recording information associated with one or more subjects for a user.

**30. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 27, ~~wherein said acts~~ are performed by a television set.

**31. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 27, ~~wherein said acts~~ are performed by a set-top box.

**32. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving user information from a user, the user information describing one or more subjects that can occur during a time period in which one or more television programs are broadcast;

receiving source information from a source of television programs;

evaluating the source information to determine whether any of the one or more subjects that have been specified by a user occur; and

sending a first notification to the user if, as a result of said evaluating, it appears that the user would be interested in a specified television program;

sending an additional notification to the user, indicating the occurrence of one or more specific subjects, wherein each of the one or more specific subjects occurs during a time period within which the specified television program is broadcast; and

~~in an event one or more subjects occur,~~ making information associated with an occurring subject available for a user to watch.

**33. (Canceled)**

**34. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 32, wherein ~~the act of~~ making information associated with an occurring subject available for a user to

watch comprises recording information associated with said one or more subjects.

**35. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 32, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making occur independent of whether a user is watching television programs.

**36. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 32, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making are performed by a television.

**37. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 32, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving, evaluating and making are performed by a set top box.

**38. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 32, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making are performed relative to a television program that ~~the user is not currently watching~~ being displayed.

**39. (Currently Amended)** The method of claim 32, wherein the said ~~acts of~~ receiving source information, evaluating and making are performed

relative to a television program that ~~the user is not currently watching~~ running on a television and during a time period when a different television program is running on a ~~the~~ television.

**40. (New)** The method of claim 20, wherein the notifications are sent to the user via one of email, facsimile and pager.

**41. (New)** The method of claim 27, wherein the notifications are sent to the user via one of email, facsimile and pager.

**42. (New)** The method of claim 32, wherein the notifications are sent to the user via one of email, facsimile and pager.